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RE: Docket No. AUS920010346US1. Application No. 09/875,871. Art Unit 3644. Filing Date: 06/07/2001. Examiner: Stephen A. Holzen

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is correspondence regarding the application of:

Inventors: Dwip N. Banerjee et al.

For: <u>Using a Communications Network in Arranging Shipment of Goods According to a Buyer's</u>
Preferences

Enclosed is:

X Reply to Restriction Requirement of February 2, 2004.

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 2, 2004, the Assignee (IBM) respectfully submits the following reply.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 2 of this paper.